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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: ANGLICAN BISHOP AND WIFE EXPELLED FROM NAMIBIA

REF: (A) CAPE TOWN A-62 (B) CAPE TOWN A-66

1. RICHARD WOOD, ANGLICAN BISHOP SUFFRAGAN OF DAMARALAND (DIOCESE INCLUDES ALL NAMIBIA) WAS SERVED EXPULSION ORDER JUNE 16 BY DIRECTI
ON
OF SWA ADMINISTRATOR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SWA LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY. UNDER ORDER ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNDESIRABLES REMOVAL
PROCLAMATION (1920). BISHOP MUST LEAVE NAMIBIA BY NOON JUNE 23. WOOD
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WIFE, WHO IS AMERICAN CITIZEN, WAS SERVED IDENTICAL ORDER AFTERNOON
JUNE 17. ALSO TO BE EXPELLED IS ROLF FRIEDE, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN
CENTER, WINDHOEK. NO OFFICIAL EXPLANATION YET GIVEN FOR EXPULSIONS.

2. BISHOP WOOD, BRITISH-BORN NATURALIZED SOUTH AFRICAN, HAS BEEN
SUFFRAGAN FOR TWO YEARS ACTING IN PLACE OF BISHOP COLIN WINTER WHO
WAS EXPELLED IN 1972. WOODS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES LED TO WARNINGS
IN MARCH (REF A) THAT SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE ACTION
AGAINST HIM IF HE PERSISTED IN SUCH ACTIVITIES. ALONG WITH
BISHOPS OF TWO OF NAMIBIAS LUTHERAN CHURCHES, HOWEVER, WOOD

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CONTINUED SUPPORTING LEGAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALLGED

IRREGULARITIES IN OWAMBO ELECTION AND INSTITUTED LEGAL ACTION
TO PROTECT SWAPO MEMBER SAM SHIVUTE FROM THREATS BY OWAMBO
TRIBAL POLICE (REF B).

3. IN TELCON WITH EMBOFF, BISHOP WOOD SAID HE AND FAMILY WILL
LEAVE WINDHOEK BY WEEKEND. AFTER TALKING WITH ANGLICAN CHURCH
OFFICIALS DURING WEEK, WOOD WILL DECIDE WHERE HE WILL GO FROM
WINDHOEK.

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